THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) For making self-assessment procedure by Income tax assessee a simple matter, the Government has introduced a simplified procedure for small retailers having turnover upto Rs. 6 lacs. Similarly, estimated income schemes have been introduced for small businessmen engaged in the civil construction and hiring or leasing of goods carriages. These schemes offer a simple procedure for determining tax on estimated income.

(b) No, Sir.

Approvals to Bridge Loans

276. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stopped granting approvals for Bridge loans against approved ECB by private Sector after problems with India Hotels Limited;

(b) if so, the justification thereof, particularly in the context of current for reserves; and

(c) the likelihood of permitting Bridge Loans in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Grant of allowances to Indian Airlines Officers

277. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of the Indian Airlines has recently granted allowances to its officers at the level of general manager and above;

(b) if so, the nature of allowances given and the financial implications thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Chairman of Indian Air lines has also exhorted its employees to exercise a self imposed moratorium on any wage or allowances hike in the coming months; and

(d) if so, the reasons for grant of new allowances in view of the chairman's exhortion?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Officers of the level of General manager and above in Indian Airlines have been allowed re-imbursement of expenses on certain amenities at their residences like furnishing, crockery, electricity, newspapers/literature etc. with effect from 1st March, 1995. The financial implication is of the order to Rs. 57 lakhs per annum.

(c) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Expansion of the building of Mangalore airport

278. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATIOIN AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand airport building of Mangalore airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details of new facilities provided to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Plans to upgrade airports in Bihar

279. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) has any plans to upgrade

and expand the existing airports in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether AAI also propose to establish any new airport in the State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Upgradation of airports and other infrastructural facilities is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources. The Airports Authority of India have undertaken the work of extension and modification of Terminal Building resurfacing of runway and Installation of Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range/Distance Measuring Equipment at Patna airport and pavement and other works at Ranchi airport.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Scrapping of Enron Power Project

280. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a panel appointed by the Maharashtra Government has recommended the scrapping of Enron Power Project, which is a Central Government's project;

(b) whether Government have received this report and have considered it; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to counter the scrapping of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The Central Government is not aware of the recommendations of the Review Committee appointed by Government of Maharashtra.

(c) Does not arise.

विदेशी कम्पनियों द्वारा भारत में प्रसारण

281. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्तमान समय में किन-किन विदेशी कम्पनियों को भारत में दूरदर्शन प्रसारण सेवाओं की अनुमति दी गई है;

(ख) उन कम्पनियों को अलग-अलग किन शर्तों पर भारत में प्रसारण की अनुमति दी गई है;

(ग) इनमें से कौन-कौन सी कम्पनियां हैं जो भारतीय भाषाओं में प्रसारण कर रही हैं तथा कम्पनीवार किन-किन भारतीय भाषाओं में प्रसारण कर रही हैं और अंग्रेजी में प्रसारण की उनकी स्थिति क्या है;

(घ) अलग-अलग प्रतिदिन किन-किन चैनलों पर कितने घण्टों का प्रसारण होता है; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार को उन कम्पनियों द्वारा इस संबंध में कोई राशि या रायल्टी देना तय की गई है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव): (क) किसी विदेशी कम्पनी को भारत की धरती से प्रसारण करने की अनुमति नहीं दी गई है।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Closure of spinning mills in Orissa

282. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some spinning mills have been closed down in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are those closed spinning mills and the date from which those mills have been closed down;

(c) the reasons for the closure of those spinning mills;

(d) whether Government propose to revive some of those mills;

(e) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to